

U.S. Dept. of Justice: Mauston man sentenced to 70 months for distributing methamphetamine

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MADISON, WIS. – Timothy M. O’Shea, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jerry Scheerer, 38, Mauston, Wisconsin, today pleaded guilty to distributing methamphetamine and was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson to 70 months in federal prison. This prison term will be followed by 4 years of supervised release.

On November 3, 2020, law enforcement agents arranged for a confidential informant to purchase methamphetamine from Scheerer in Mauston. After the confidential informant purchased just over 25 grams of methamphetamine from Scheerer, Scheerer asked the confidential informant if they would like to buy a “dirty” gun. The confidential informant agreed and purchased a Ruger revolver from Scheerer later on that same day. The legal owner of the Ruger reported it stolen to Mauston police on October 27, 2020.

At the time of this offense Scheerer was under Wisconsin state probation in Juneau County Case No. 19CF2 as a result of a conviction for possessing methamphetamine with intent to deliver. The sentence imposed by Chief Judge Peterson will run concurrently to the 6-year sentence Scheerer is serving because of the revocation of his probation in that case.

The charges against Scheerer were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, Mauston Police Department, Sauk County Sheriff’s Office, Juneau County Sheriff’s Office, Drug

Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Taylor L. Kraus.